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Presidential Primary | Dates & Details

The deadline passed for the date-setting committee to propose a new date. Meaning, the Presidential Primary is scheduled for the date prescribed in statute: May 24, 2016. The proposed WACs are open for comment, and the hearing is set for November 10. You may provide feedback to [ctsupport](#).

New! Download the proposed WACs and workshop training materials--visit our new area on the [Administrators tab](#) related to conducting the Presidential Primary.

County Best Practices | Expecting a Crowd?

During a recent visit to King County Elections (KCE), [C&T](#) observed several useful (and economical) procedures to serve voters and prepare for traffic. For rules that pertain to deposit sites, see [Clearinghouse 14-04](#),
Voting Centers and Ballot Deposit Sites.

Parking for voters. In addition to parking spaces reserved for voters with disabilities, KCE makes a special effort to leave space for increased traffic on Election Day. Bright orange cones with, "Voter Parking Only" signs reserve additional spaces for voters.

Confirmation photograph. When staff deploys an off-site deposit site or voting center according to the election department's plan/diagram, the set-up staff immediately takes a picture of the arrangement. This "confirmation photograph" is emailed back to the department and reviewed by lead election staff to assure quality of the location set-up. This quick and simple technique allows the department to confirm each site is ready as planned.

End of line. Finally, to clearly indicate the last car eligible to deposit a ballot (in the parking lot no later than 8:00 p.m.), a staff person follows the car with a large sign marked, "End of Line." The traffic pattern from the street to the deposit box is also lined with staff and helpful signage.

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month

President Obama and Governor Inslee designated October as Cyber Security Awareness Month. Cyber Security Awareness Month is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cyber security, and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident.

Each week of October, EIS will be providing you with a new security tip in the *Washington State Elections Weekly* to help keep you safe online:

EIS Security Tip #1: Don't write down or reuse the same password!

You can find a variety of tools/services available to securely and safely manage your passwords online . . . but do your research! These online services are handy since you don't have to remember your dozens of passwords--you can have them all at your finger tips. You can also find convenient secure password generators online. Other good resources for tips on choosing and protecting passwords is the Department of Homeland Security and the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions.

Please check with your own IT department for approved services and applications.

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